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FIXING ASSEMBLY HAVING	)	
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This document was cited in a PCT International Search Report dated May 5, 2005 that was received from the International Search Authority in a counterpart international application (copy attached hereto).

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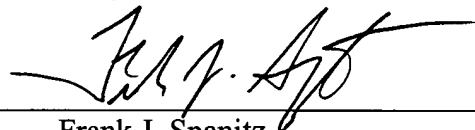
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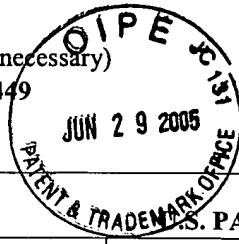
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